

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

NAME (Under which you were convicted)

PRISON NUMBER

PLACE OF CONFINEMENT/ADDRESS

(Full Name)

Petitioner

V.

Civil Action No.: _____
(To be filled in by Clerk)

(Name of Warden, Superintendent, Jailor, or
authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Respondent

**PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
BY A PERSON IN CUSTODY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

INSTRUCTIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. This petition must be legibly handwritten or typed, and signed by the petitioner. Any false statement of material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution and conviction for perjury. All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form.
2. Additional pages are not permitted except with respect to the facts which you rely upon to support your grounds for relief. No citation of authorities need be furnished. If briefs or arguments are submitted, they should be submitted in the form of a separate memorandum.
3. Upon receipt, your petition will be filed if it is in proper order and is accompanied by a \$5.00 filing fee. Your check or money order should be made payable to: Clerk, U.S. District Court.

4. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, you may request permission to proceed in forma pauperis, in which event you must execute the affidavit on the last page, setting forth information establishing your inability to pay the costs. If you wish to proceed in forma pauperis, you must have an authorized officer at the penal institution complete the certificate as to the amount of money and securities on deposit to your credit in any account in the institution.
5. Only sentences imposed by one court may be challenged in a single petition. If you seek to challenge sentences entered by different courts, you must file separate petitions as to each court.
6. When you have completed the form, send the original and one copy to:
Clerk, United States District Court for the District of Columbia
Room 1225
333 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001
7. Petitions which do not conform to these instructions may be returned with a notation as to the deficiency.

PETITION

1. (a) Name and location of court which imposed the sentence (or detention) of conviction you are challenging:

2. (a) Date of the sentence (or detention): _____
3. Length of sentence: _____

4. Nature of offense involved (all counts): _____

5. (a) What was your plea? (Check one):
☐ Not guilty
☐ Guilty
☐ Nolo Contendere (no contest)
☐ Insanity

- (b) If you entered a guilty plea to one count or charge, and a not guilty plea to another count or charge, give details: _____

6. Have you previously filed any petitions, applications, or motions with respect to this sentence in any court?

☐ Yes
☐ No

7. If your answer to Question 10 was "Yes," give the following information:

- (a) (1) Name of Court: _____
 (2) Nature of the proceedings: _____

- (3) Grounds raised: _____

- (4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?

☐ Yes
☐ No

- (5) Result: _____

- (6) Date of result: _____

- (b) As to any second petition, application, or motion, give the same information:

- (1) Name of Court: _____
 (2) Nature of the proceedings: _____

- (3) Grounds raised: _____

- (4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?

☐ Yes
☐ No

- (5) Result: _____

- (6) Date of result: _____
- (c) As to any third petition, application, or motion, give the same information:
- (1) Name of Court: _____
- (2) Nature of the proceedings: _____

- (3) Grounds raised: _____

- (4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?
☐ Yes
☐ No
- (5) Result: _____
- (6) Date of result: _____
- (d) Did you appeal to the highest court having jurisdiction for the result of action taken in any petition, application or motion?
- (1) First petition, etc.”
☐ Yes
☐ No
- (2) Second petition, etc.:
☐ Yes
☐ No
- (3) Third petition, etc.:
☐ Yes
☐ No
- (e) If you did not appeal from the adverse action on any petition, application, or motion, explain briefly why you did not: _____

8. State concisely every ground on which you claim that you are being held unlawfully. Summarize briefly the facts supporting each ground. If necessary, you may attach pages stating additional grounds and facts supporting same.

A. GROUND ONE:

(a) Supporting FACTS (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim: _____

B. GROUND TWO:

(a) Supporting FACTS (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim: _____

C. GROUND THREE:

(a) Supporting FACTS (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim: _____

D. GROUND FOUR:

- (a) Supporting FACTS (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim: _____

9. If any of the grounds listed in 8A, B, C, or D were not previously presented in any other court, District of Columbia or Federal, state briefly what grounds were not so presented, and give your reasons for not presenting them: _____

10. Do you have any petition or appeal pending in any other court, either, District of Columbia or Federal, as to the sentence (or detention) under attack?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- (a) If so, give the name and location of the court and case number, if known: _____

11. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence (or detention) under attack?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- (a) If so, give name and location of court which imposed sentence to be served in the future:

- (b) And give date and length of sentence to be served in future: _____
- (c) Have you filed, or do you contemplate filing, any petition attacking the judgment which imposed the sentence to be served in the future?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Wherefore, petitioner prays that the Court grant petitioner relief to which he may be entitled in this proceeding.

Petitioner's Signature

Date